

FOCAL POINT



Preparing the FY 2011 Budget

As you read this article, we are very close to finalizing the budget and setting the upcoming year's tax rate. While I can't look into the future, I can tell you the one of our goals is to continue to have one of the lowest tax rates in Texas while providing the highest quality of services. Frisco is in a unique position. We are the fastest growing city in the country which means we need to be mindful of building additional, much needed infrastructure.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

Many municipalities in Texas and throughout the country are dealing with large budget deficits; lay-offs; reduction in city services, particularly in the areas of libraries and recreation centers; deteriorating infrastructure and many other problems. Frisco is fortunate we are not in that position, but the economy has had an impact on our community.

While we are still enjoying success and growth, Frisco is not immune to the global economic challenges. Frisco saw a decrease in property values this year, which has impacted our budget by more than \$1.5 million in revenue. On a daily basis, our City Manager's office is reviewing ways to become more efficient and reduce expenses. With a tax rate of .465 cents per \$100 valuation, Frisco already has one of the lowest tax rates in our region. That tax rate is comprised of .20 cents for debt service, which is used to pay debt on our bonds sold to build infrastructure, such as roads and facilities and .26 cents for maintenance and operation (M&O). M&O includes expenses such as employees, public safety (police & fire), operations, fuel and equipment. You will find the .26 M&O rate is one of the lowest rates in our region and Frisco runs a very lean government, which is the way it should be. Our tax rate of .465 cents per \$100 is lower than what we estimated for our citizens when they voted in the last bond election. The estimated tax rate after selling two-thirds of the bonds was .476 cents per \$100; so as you can see, your city government was able to save costs and come in lower than we estimated.

The M&O rate is what is used to operate the city. This includes police and fire, maintenance, public works, as well as services such as library, parks and recreation, and the list goes on. It is always a good idea to benchmark the use of your taxes against nearby cities. At .26 cents, Frisco is lower than Prosper (.31), Flower Mound (.32), Plano (.33), Richardson (.36), McKinney (.41), and Allen (.41). While every city has different needs, I am comfortable knowing that our city provides the best services and programs at the lowest cost to our citizens.

See **MAYOR**, page 2

New school zones in effect around five Frisco ISD campuses opening for 2010-2011 school year

School is back in session August 23 for Frisco ISD, Lewisville ISD and Prosper ISD. The end of summer means drivers will need to begin following reduced speed limits in school zones. This year Frisco ISD has five new campuses opening. Watch for new school zones at Lone Star High School, Cobb Middle School, Hunt Middle School, Maus Middle School, and Purefoy Elementary School.

Traffic circulation maps for Purefoy Elementary and the three middle schools are available online. Go to the home page of FriscoTexas.gov and click on the "Move Along" link. Information about the new campuses can be found on the school district's website: FriscoISD.org

- **Purefoy Elementary** is opening on Teel Parkway, south of Eldorado Parkway. There will be a new 20 mph school zone along Teel Parkway in front of the school. A new traffic signal will become operational when school begins that will serve outbound traffic from the elementary school. This traffic signal will only be operational during the school day, and will flash yellow for Teel Parkway at night and on the weekends. All parent and visitor traffic will enter the campus at the northernmost driveway on Teel Parkway and loop behind the building to drop-off and pick-up children. All parent and visitor traffic will then exit the school at the traffic signal onto Teel Parkway.

- **Cobb Middle School** is opening on Teel Parkway north of Main Street. There will be a new 20 mph school zone along Teel Parkway in front of the school. All parent traffic will enter the campus at the northernmost

driveway on Teel Parkway and loop behind the building to drop-off and pick-up children. Visitors will enter through a separate driveway, which will require southbound drivers to make a u-turn on Teel Parkway in order to reach the driveway.

- **Maus Middle School** is opening on Coit Road north of Eldorado Parkway. There will be a new 20 mph school zone on Coit Road in front of the school. All parents will enter the southernmost driveway in order to drop-off students in the morning; but in the afternoon, parents will enter different driveways in order to pick-up students (depending on their grade level). Parents of sixth grade students will use the southernmost driveway, and parents of seventh and eighth grade parents will use the northernmost driveway. Keep in mind that Coit Road is only a dirt road north of the school so all school traffic should approach Coit Road from Eldorado Parkway.

- **Hunt Middle School** is opening on Legendary Drive south of Lebanon Road. There will be a new 20 mph school zone on Lebanon Road at the intersection of Legendary Drive where crossing guards will help children cross Lebanon Road. There will also be a new 20 mph school zone on Legendary Drive in front of the school. All parent traffic will enter the campus at the northernmost driveway on Legendary Drive and loop behind the building to drop-off and pick-up children.

- Twenty mph school zone will be in effect around **Lone Star High School**, located on Panther Creek Parkway at Teel Parkway.

- There's also a new crosswalk location for **Gunstream**

Elementary and Wester Middle School. The crosswalk on Rolater across from the schools has been relocated one block east to the new hike & bike trail cross-

ing. Instead of crossing at Whittingham Road, students should walk farther east and use the crossing guards stationed at the new trail crossing.



Treasure Hunt

HUNT FOR FUN!

August 11-29 2010

VISIT ANY EIGHT OUT OF THE 12 LOCATIONS TO GET TREASURE MAP STAMPED!

Every eligible entry will receive a coupon for Sci Tech Discovery Center, located inside the new Frisco Discovery Center opening October 2, 2010.

GRAND PRIZE

'FRISCO FAMILY FUN TREASURE CHEST'

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) StarsClub luxury pre-season tickets • Four (4) RoughRiders baseball tickets • Four (4) FC Dallas soccer match tickets • Four (4) Premium Texas Tornado hockey tickets • "Dallas Mavericks Experience" for Family of Four • Disney "Basket of Stars"—autographed photos of your favorite Disney stars, priceless! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Aquatic Birthday Party Package to Frisco Athletic Center, \$250 value • Free entry into FieldhouseUSA monthly Dodgeball Tournament, \$70 value • One month family membership to Frisco Athletic Center, \$60 value • \$50 Gift card to Randy's Steakhouse
--	---

PLUS MUCH MORE!

GRAND PRIZE* WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED 8/29/10 DURING RADIO DISNEY APPEARANCE AT DR PEPPER ARENA, 2-4 P.M.

FRISCO

A TREASURE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

www.friscoisatreasure.com

*Hunt ends at 2 p.m. on August 29, 2010.

HOW TO REACH US

EDITOR

Darcy Schroer
Communications Specialist
972-292-5077
dschroer@friscotexas.gov

CONTRIBUTORS

Dana Baird
Director of Communications
& Media Relations
972-292-5080
dbaird@friscotexas.gov

Brad Box
Engineering Services
972-292-5413
bbox@friscotexas.gov

Melody Emadiazar
Water Education Coordinator
972-292-5814
memadiazar@friscotexas.gov

Steve Foster
GIS Programmer
972-292-5174
sfoster@friscotexas.gov

Sgt. Adam Henderson
Frisco Police PIO
(972) 292-6133
ahenderson@friscotexas.gov

Jan Jackson
Frisco Public Library
(972) 292-5650
jjackson2@friscotexas.gov

Jami Jensen
Marketing Coordinator
Parks & Recreation Dept
972-292-6515
jjensen@friscotexas.gov

Ryan Wolford
Division Chief
Frisco Fire Department
972-292-6311
rwolford@friscofire.com

PHOTOGRAPHY

Aaron Cobb
Videographer
972-292-5075
acobb@friscotexas.gov

Dana Baird
Darcy Schroer

Frisco City Hall
George A. Purefoy
Municipal Center
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.
Frisco, TX 75034
(972) 292-5000



Frisco's Public Art Program exhibition series announces call for artists

The City of Frisco is looking for two dimensional works of art by artist or arts organizations from Frisco and the surrounding area for the fifth installment of Frisco's Art in the Atrium series. The 2010 Art in the Atrium Exhibition is scheduled for November 8, 2010 through August 26, 2011. The deadline to submit artwork for consideration is Friday, September 24.

This exhibition is part of the city's ongoing exhibition program series at

Frisco's City Hall to showcase regional artistic endeavors and to encourage public dialogue, understanding and enjoyment of visual art. The program's goal is to reflect the artistic excellence in and around Frisco and to promote the city's cultural and economic initiatives.

"The thing that always impresses me is the wealth of talent and the diversity of styles we see from our artists," said Richard Oldham, Frisco public art manager. "There is always something for everybody, from realis-

tic photography to abstract painting and everything in between."

Oldham adds that he hopes to see increased participation from city employees, Collin College and Frisco ISD students and faculty. For more information on the required submission format, as well as eligibility and selection process, go online to FriscoTexas.gov/PublicArt. From the left, side menu choose 'Get Involved: Art in the Atrium'.

Please deliver submissions (resume, images of available artworks,

artwork list, & SASE) to the following location:

City of Frisco
Attn: Richard Oldham,
Public Arts Manager
George A. Purefoy Municipal Center
6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5th Floor
Frisco, Texas 75034

For questions about the exhibition program series, please contact Richard Oldham at 972-292-5104 or email to roldham@friscotexas.gov

MAYOR

Continued from page 1

This fiscal year (2010), we already were prepared for a very lean year. We have had a hiring freeze in effect for some time, except for critical positions. Last year, your Council increased the tax rate to allow 17 positions that had been frozen to be filled, which included public safety. We continued to ask all departments to cut costs wherever possible as we still anticipated an \$880 thousand dollar short fall for 2010. The City Council also did not sell any additional bonds this summer so that we could keep our debt service amount flat.

Currently, we are holding approximately 13 staff positions vacant in the General Fund and all new vacancies are evaluated before departments are allowed to hire. From a budget perspective, revenues are still being somewhat influenced by the economy. Sales tax collections are seeing some improvement over last year's overall decrease, about 5% from a year-to-date perspective. Several other revenue sources remain flat, including water and fees for services; interest income remains at very low levels. New home permits are showing some amount of improvement. As expected we saw property values decrease over all, but some new value is offsetting the devaluation of older property.

We anticipate that we will end Fiscal Year 2010 positively with revenues equaling expenditures or possibly some small amount of excess revenues. There are some tough choices coming up for your City Council. Do we continue to put

off bond sales for needed infrastructure, such as roads and facilities and wait for signs that the economy is starting to improve? Should we increase the tax rate to cover the shortfall in the debt service fund or continue to use some of the reserves to make up the shortfall from the decrease in assessed values; or do we cut needed services? What is clear is that 2011 will most likely see a year of continued limitations on hiring.

We can't forget that Frisco is the fastest growing city in the country. Thus, while we have frozen hiring for the past two years and cut budgets in all departments, our population has grown by more than 10%, which is approximately 10,000 residents. To put it in perspective, the population increase in Frisco is greater than the entire population of Prosper. I am very proud of all our departments for maintaining a level of excellence while at the same time, decreasing department budgets. Our city employees are doing much more with less!

The Budget cycle begins in March when our staff starts meeting with the different departments to assess needs and estimate budgets. In June, discussion with the City Council takes place regarding the upcoming year's priorities, strategic focus areas and general approach to the budget. This usually happens at the 3-day annual work session. In July, the Collin and Denton County appraisal districts certify the tax rolls and forwards to our city. The preliminary budget is presented in August to the city council in a special work shop. A public hearing is also held to get input from our citizens. Another public hearing is held in early September with the final budget and tax rate being adopted at the second meeting in September.

As you can see, the budget process is a complicated one and is worked on throughout the budget year. Your input is very important to the process and I hope we will hear from you on the direction you would like Frisco to take. Frisco is approximately 45% built out and we have some ways to go. We need to continue our long-term planning successes while taking into account the relatively short-term negative economic climate. As we go through the budget process, it is even more important for us to continue to plan for the 'build out' of the city so we can operate in an efficient and sustainable manner. Sometimes, decisions that seem to save money today turn out to be a drain on the maintenance and operation side of the city budget for the long-term.

Fortunately, we have the best city manager in the region, George Purefoy. Reporting to George is our assistant city manager, Nell Lange, who oversees the budget process. With the rest of our department heads and your City Council, everyone is focused on ensuring Frisco remains the best place to live and also provides the best services to our citizens at the lowest costs.

Looking forward, we know we can't continue to add significant population without adding personnel to our police department. We also know that Fire Station #7 will need to be built in the near future, which will add approximately \$2.5 million annually to our expenses.

Fast Facts:

Tax Rate of .465 equates to \$465 per year for a home valued at \$100,000

Each .01 (1 cent) increase in property tax rate equates to \$10 per year for a home valued at \$100,000

Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso



In observance of the Labor Day holiday, City of Frisco administrative offices, Frisco Public Library, and Frisco Municipal Court will be closed on Monday, September 6. Regular hours resume Tuesday, September 7.

There will be no trash or recycling services on Labor Day. Trash and recycling services for all Frisco residents will move to one day later. Monday collection moves to Tuesday, etc.

For a complete list, including Labor Day hours for the Frisco Athletic Center, go to the homepage of FriscoTexas.gov beginning September 1.

Sign up to get tweets about the latest City of Frisco news and events:

Twitter.com/CityofFriscoTX
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU:

Twitter.com/VisitFrisco
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Twitter.com/FriscoTXEDC
FRISCOGREENLIVING.COM:
Twitter.com/FriscoGreen



HAVE A QUESTION?

Find answers about city information fast, at FriscoTexas.gov!

Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service, program or event? Check out FriscoTexas.gov, your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address. Go to the home page and click on 'E-News' to subscribe.

Watch the Frisco Television Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. Go to FriscoTexas.gov/ftvn. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month, beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. You can also select 'video on demand' to watch FTVN programming like PSAs and the Mayor's Corner.

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

Thank you for two great 'nights out'



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



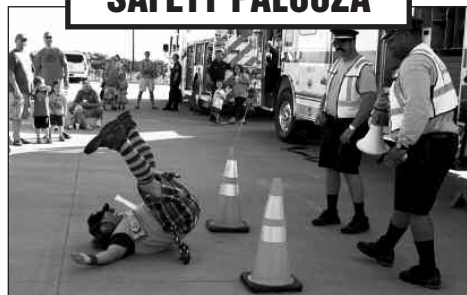
Hundreds of Frisco residents took part in this year's National Night Out program and related activities. The Frisco Police Department thanks each person who made this crime prevention incentive a huge success!

This is the 17th consecutive year that Frisco citizens participated in NNO. More than 100 neighborhoods registered their block parties with the city. Many NNO parties featured cookouts, water slides, bounce houses and snow cones. Frisco police officers, firefighters and city leaders had the opportunity to meet many Frisco residents.

National Night Out kicked off with the city's first Safety Palooza event. On July 31 families had a great night at Frisco Police Department climbing aboard the city's emergency vehicles, watching the Frisco Fire Safety Town Clown Show and cooling off with a treat from Frisco's own Snow Cone Lady. Among the fun, children also learned valuable safety lessons, including the best information to give during a 9-1-1 call.



SAFETY PALOOZA



Summer outdoor watering restrictions end September 30; Time of day restrictions continue through November 7

The City of Frisco reminds residents that mandatory provisions of the city's Water Management Plan continue through September 30. Outdoor watering is restricted to two days per week during the summer months and is based on residents' trash and recycling service schedule and an additional, designated day. A map detailing residents' additional watering day is available online at FriscoTexas.gov/water.

After September 30 and continuing until the end of Daylight Saving Time (DST) – November 7, two-day-per-week outdoor watering is recommended but not enforced.

Time of day restrictions continue through DST, November 7. Outdoor watering is prohibited between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m. and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. To read the complete contents of the City of Frisco Water Management Plan, go online to FriscoTexas.gov/water.

Outdoor watering by hand, soaker hoses and drip systems is allowed any day at any time.

Next Town Hall meeting set for Monday, August 30

Want to be "in the know" about the latest projects happening in the City of Frisco? Then City Hall is the place to be Monday night August 30 at 7 p.m. Come meet Mayor Maher Maso and the Frisco City Council, department directors and staff. The meeting is inside the city council chambers at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

Residents who attend will receive a grocery tote, like the one pictured to the right, as a thank you. In addition to a Frisco grocery tote, we'll be giving away another eco-friendly item to promote the city's newest website: FriscoGreenLiving.com.



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

September 7

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.
- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Sq. Blvd., Conference Rm 5A, 12 p.m.

September 8

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) Meeting, TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

September 9

- Parks and Recreation Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

September 13

- Friends of the Library, 4th Floor, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 7:00 p.m.
- Frisco Public Arts Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Conference Rm 5A, 6:30 p.m.
- Frisco Square Municipal Management District Meeting, Conf Room 3a, 4:30 p.m.

September 14

- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

September 15

- Economic Development Corp. Board Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Pkwy., Suite 400, 6:00 p.m.

September 16

- Arts of Collin County Meeting, (ACC), City of Allen, 4:00 p.m.
- Community Development Corp. Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Conf Rm 3a, 6:30 p.m.

September 21

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 5:30 p.m.

September 22

- Urban Forestry, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

September 23

- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6:45 p.m.
- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie, TX (NTMWD Office) 4:00 p.m.

September 27

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch Block Captains Meeting, Frisco Police Dept., 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy, 7:00 p.m.

September 28

- Heritage Assoc. of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page St., 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate.

1 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construction of a five-story parking structure to accommodate 574 cars. Design was completed in August 2009. Bids were opened in September 2009. Construction began in December 2009 and is expected to be completed in 12 months. CONSTRUCTION

2 Eldorado Pkwy

(DNT – Preston Road) w/ overpass
Scope: Construction of three northern lanes and a third lane on the south side for a six-lane divided roadway with median and an overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Tiseo Paving began construction in July 2009. Traffic was switched to the new concrete on May 19, 2010. Contractor is currently repairing deteriorated concrete on eastbound lanes and constructing third eastbound lane. Estimated completion of construction is late 2010. CONSTRUCTION

3 FM 3537/Main Improvements

(Custer Road-Preston Road)
Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. The project is anticipated to begin ROW acquisition in summer 2010. Utility adjustments will begin after completion of ROW acquisition. Project is expected to be bid by TxDOT in summer 2011. Construction is anticipated to take 24 months. DESIGN

4 FM 423 Improvements

(Stewart Creek – Eldorado) Middle Section
Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. TxDOT opened bids for this project on August 11, 2009. Austin Bridge and Road was low bidder. Utility relocations are underway. Contractor has begun preliminary road construction activities. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2012. Pre-CONSTRUCTION

5 FM 423 Improvements

(Eldorado - US 380) North Section
Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, including streetlights and traffic signals. Review of 95 percent plans submitted

by Dannebaum has been completed by TxDOT and city staff. TxDOT expects to bid the project in fall 2011 or upon completion of ROW acquisition and utility relocation. Construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete. DESIGN

6 FM 2478/Custer Road

(Stonebridge - US 380)
Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. TxDOT opened bids on January 13, 2009. Low bidder was Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating. Contractor is currently constructing the Wilson Creek Bridge, installing storm sewer, and grading for the future northbound lanes. Construction began in August 2009 and is estimated to take 26 months to complete. CONSTRUCTION

7 Stonebrook Parkway

(DNT to Preston Road)
Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to six lanes. Design is approximately 95 percent complete. Design is expected to be completed in fall 2010. Construction is expected to take 14 months to complete. DESIGN

8 SH 289/Preston Road

(Main - US 380)
Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway to replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT opened bids in October 2008. Mario Sinacola and Sons began construction in August 2009. Traffic was switched to the new northbound lanes, north of Eldorado on June 19. Contractor is removing old roadway and grading for future southbound lanes. Construction of bridges at Panther Creek and Parvin Branch continue. Estimated date for construction to be completed is late 2011. CONSTRUCTION

9 Stonebrook Parkway

(Legacy - Longhorn)
Scope: Construct four-lane roadway with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination with Corps of Engineers. Project construction will be done in two phases: Phase 1 is from Legacy Drive to Fighting Eagles

Lane. Phase 2 is from Fighting Eagles to Longhorn Trail. Design by HNTB is 95 percent complete. Estimated start of construction is early 2011. DESIGN

10 Rolater Road

(Independence - Custer)
Scope: Construct two east bound lanes to provide four-lane roadway including bridge over Rowlett Creek. Design is 95 percent complete. Construction expected to begin in summer 2010 and will take 10 months to complete. DESIGN

11 Lebanon & DNT Intersection

Improvements
Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the Dallas North Tollway (DNT). Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction will not begin until completion of Legacy Drive and Lebanon Road Intersections improvements. Construction is expected to take seven months to complete. DESIGN

12 Rockhill Road (Virginia Parkway)

(CR26 – Preston Road)
Scope: Construct six-lane roadway, including a bridge over BNSF Railroad and a bridge over Parvin Branch, from County Road 26 to Preston Road. Design, by Kimley-Horn, is 60 percent complete and expected to be completed in early 2011. Construction will begin when funding for the project is available. DESIGN

13 Stonebrook Parkway

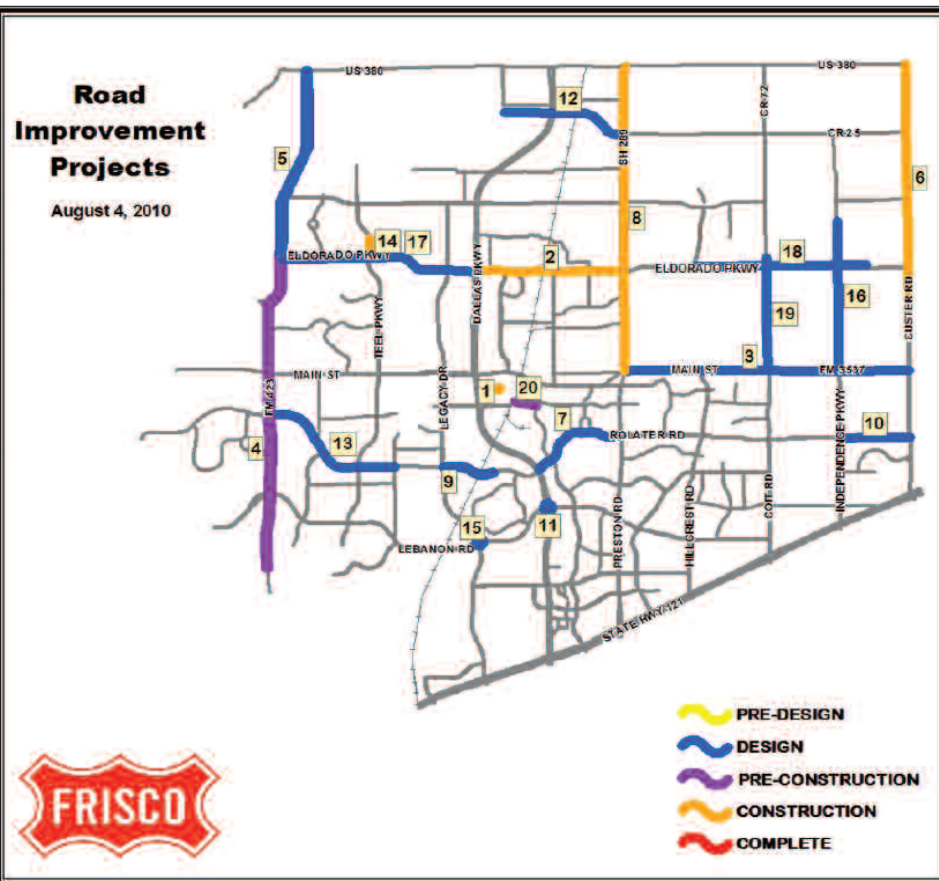
(FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial)
Scope: Construct a four-lane roadway between FM 423 and Teel and widen from two lanes to four lanes from Teel to 4th Army Memorial Drive. Design by Huitt Zollarsis is 100 percent complete. Construction should be completed by summer 2011. DESIGN

14 Teel Parkway

(Eldorado Parkway to Freestone)
Scope: Construct the two northbound lanes to complete the four-lane roadway. Project includes lighting, irrigation and landscaping from Eldorado to Panther Creek Parkway.

Road Improvement Projects

August 4, 2010



Bids were opened on September 17, 2009 with Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating being the low bidder. The new lanes were opened on May 26, 2010. Contractor is installing landscaping in the median. The project is expected to be completed in September 2010. CONSTRUCTION

15 Legacy and Lebanon Intersection

Scope of work is the reconstruction of the intersection to eliminate an existing bump in the pavement and to widen each approach to two left-turn lanes, three through lanes and a right-turn lane Legacy Drive will be widened to six lanes from Lebanon to Warren Parkway. Eastbound left-turn lanes on Lebanon will be added at Compass Drive and Village Boulevard. The project was bid in July and is expected to be completed in fall 2010. DESIGN

16 Independence Parkway

(Main to North City limits)
Scope of project is the construction of two northbound lanes to complete the 4-lane roadway. Design by

RLK Engineering began in February 2010 and is 30 percent complete. Construction is expected to begin in fall 2010 and be completed in early 2011. DESIGN

17 Eldorado Parkway Lighting and Landscaping

(FM 423 to DNT)
Scope: The improvements include sidewalks, and lighting and irrigation in median. Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 90 percent complete. Construction of sidewalks began in June 2010 and will be completed before school starts in September 2010. Sidewalks on the south side of Eldorado from FM 423 to Teel Parkway will be completed before school starts in September 2010. Lighting and the irrigation and landscaping will be completed in two separate contracts. Bids for the lighting were opened on July 8. Construction of the landscaping and irrigation in the median should begin in fall 2010. DESIGN

18 Eldorado Parkway

(Preston – Custer)

Scope: Project is to widen Eldorado Parkway from 4 to 6 lanes from Fragrant Drive to Custer and widen from two to six lanes from Preston to Fragrant Drive. Design by Kennedy Consultants began in March 2010 and is expected to be completed by summer 2011. DESIGN

19 Coit Road

(Main Street – Eldorado)
Scope: Project is to construct a four lane road from Main Street to north of Eldorado Parkway ending at the property line of Frisco ISD school site. Design began in May 2010 and is expected to be completed in early 2011. Construction should begin in spring 2011 and be completed in nine months. DESIGN

20 Eubanks

Scope: Reconstruct 1,000 feet of pavement west of 5th Street. Bids were opened on July 2. Construction is expected to begin in September and to be completed in early 2011. DESIGN

A large, stylized tree with a brown trunk and a full canopy of green leaves is positioned on the left side of the page. The leaves are depicted as small, rounded shapes, giving the tree a textured appearance. The tree stands on a green hill with a patch of grass at the bottom.

growing green

Discover how to live a greener lifestyle.

Visit the City of Frisco's new website at FriscoGreenLiving.com and discover stories about 'green' city initiatives, programs, services and special events.



FriscoGreenLiving.com

Frisco Fire accepting applications for fall citizen training programs

Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 26

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class No. 26 starting Thursday, September 9 through November 4, 2010. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those 18 and older who live or work within the City of Frisco.

CFA classes cover an array of captivating themes including fire ground operations, emergency medical services, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands-on activities.

Community Emergency Response Team Class No. 18

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class No. 18 which starts Monday, September 13, 2010 and runs through November 6, 2010. CERT classes train citizens to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster.

The program is open to those persons 18 and older who either live or work within the City of Frisco. During classes, citizens study a variety of disaster topics such as medical operations, severe weather, infection control, team organization, light search and rescue and many others. The program wraps up with a disaster scenario where team members must respond effectively using the skills they have learned in CERT classes.

How to Apply

Applications are available for download at FriscoFire.com, or pick up an application at any Frisco fire station. The nine-week CERT program meets on Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The nine-week CFA program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Contact the Frisco Fire



Would you know what to do if a disaster hit Frisco? Participants in the Community Emergency Response Team are trained to handle the worst case scenario from search and rescue to severe weather situations.

Department at (972) 292-6300 for more information.



Walk in the shoes of a Frisco firefighter – literally! Citizen's Fire Academy participants have a chance to dress up in fire bunker gear and to walk through the 'burn house' training facility. It's just one of the hands-on activities offered each session of CFA.

**Frisco Fire
Safety Town
now registering
for 2010-2011
safety classes**



All schools within Frisco ISD, as well as private and home schools in the city, are invited to attend free safety classes at Frisco Fire Safety Town this school year.

Each grade level has a different safety topic with its own curriculum which includes classroom education followed by an opportunity for 'hands-on' practice by the students to reinforce what was learned.

For registration guidelines and an online request form please visit **FriscoFire.com**. Then click on Frisco Fire Safety Town from the left-side menu.

"All Star Evening" planned for 9th Annual Mother Son Dance; tickets on sale soon



Put on your dancing shoes! The 9th Annual Mother Son Dance happens Saturday, October 9 at Wakeland High School. It will be an "All Star Evening" of great music, dancing and refreshments. Moms and their sons can come dressed up for the sports theme or in formal attire.

Tickets for this memorable evening go on sale Saturday, August 27 at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person. Both mother and son need to purchase a ticket to attend.

Two dance times are available:

Ages 4 – 7: 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ages 8 – 12: 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased for either time; however you must attend the dance time for which you purchase tickets. You can buy tickets online at FriscoFun.org or in person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, Monday through Friday 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Saturday, 6:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 7 p.m. on Friday, October 8.

In order to purchase tickets online, you must have an account with a Login ID and Password set-up in advance. If you already have an account, but have forgotten your Login ID and Password or if you need to create an account, log on to FriscoFun.org, choose the 'Classes and Athletics' tab and click on the eFun registration link. Scroll down and follow the instructions on how to get started. It may take up to 48 hours to receive a Login ID and Password once a new account has been requested. Please call 972-292-6600 if you have any questions regarding your account.

Photo packages to capture the memories of the evening will be available at the event for \$22 (payable at the event, cash or check only). The packages include two 5x7 prints and eight wallet-size photos presented in a customized folder. Participants are encouraged to arrive early for these portraits.

For more information about this event, visit our website at FriscoFun.org or contact Kari FitzPatrick at KFitzPatrick@FriscoTexas.gov.

Have a ball with fall Frisco Fun Guide

In the heat of the summer, why not think about something cool? Registration is underway for fall/winter classes offered through the Frisco Parks & Recreation Department. The latest edition of the Frisco Fun Guide is filled with 'Snow Much Fun' for you and your family.

In this edition we are getting you ready for fall and the beginning of the holiday season. You will find information on our favorite fall event – the 9th Annual Mother Son Dance – and new this year, the Pumpkin Splash Patch.

There are all kinds of great holiday events and classes that will help keep your fitness goals and budget under control through this busy time of year. There are plenty of opportunities for kids to stay busy with camps and classes taking place during the holiday breaks. They will have tons of fun, while you get ready to entertain your guests.

Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center during regular business hours. For more information email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov.

The Fun Guide is available to view online at FriscoFun.org or you may pick-up a copy at one of the following locations:

- Frisco Athletic Center
5828 Nancy Jane Ln.
- Frisco Public Library, City Hall
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.
- Frisco Chamber of Commerce
6843 W. Main St.
- Parks & Recreation
Administration Building
6726 Walnut St.



Park Spotlight: Shawnee Trail Sports Complex

6501 Hillcrest Road

If you are associated with youth or adult recreational sports in Frisco, you have more than likely spent time at Shawnee Trail Sports Complex. If not, this fall is a great time to come out and explore all the fun this park offers. Shawnee Trail is the smallest of the five community parks in Frisco's system with approximately 17.5 acres, and it is home to our adult recreation softball leagues. The park is also utilized throughout the year by the city's youth athletic organizations and residents in nearby neighborhoods.

The sports complex features four softball fields, two lighted tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, concession and restroom facilities, walking trails, a large open grass area for recreational activities and a large pavilion that may be rented through the Parks & Recreation Department. Within the pavilion is a basketball court and plenty of room for church and family gatherings.

Shawnee Trail was completed in 1995 and the park underwent renovations in 2009. A new playground was added along with cosmetic improvements to the park's entrance which included a new entry shelter and landscaping. The softball complex received vast improvements including four, new metal bleacher shelters, metal dugout covers,



improved concession facilities and restroom facilities. The renovations also included the installation of new score boards, drainage and irrigation improvements and new fencing around the softball fields.

One improvement that may not be easily recognized is the renovation of the sport lights around the softball complex. New "green" lighting fixtures were installed on the poles. This energy-efficient system typically uses 55 percent less electricity than typical outdoor sports facility lighting. In addition, the new lights direct more of the light onto the fields and produce far less light pollution. The system is monitored remotely, reducing the amount of staff time needed to turn lights on and off and to monitor lamp outages.

On a typical afternoon in the spring and fall when the weather is cooler, you will find many people enjoying the outdoors on the College Parkway Hike and Bike Trail which runs through the



Shawnee Trail Sports Complex. This 1.2 mile trail runs from College Parkway near the Preston Ridge Campus of Collin College to Shepherds Glen Neighborhood Park. This trail provides connection between Collin College, Shawnee Trail Elementary School, Shawnee Trail Sports Complex, Centennial High School, Wester Middle School, Gunstream Elementary and Shepherds Glen Neighborhood Park.

For questions about this park or any of our 43 park sites, please call 972-292-6500 or email FriscoFun@FriscoTexas.gov, or explore them online at FriscoFun.org/parks. You can pick up a copy of our Parks & Trails Guide at the Frisco Athletic

Center (5828 Nancy Jane Ln.), Parks & Recreation Administration Building (6726 Walnut) or Frisco Chamber of Commerce (6843 W. Main Street).

Shawnee Facts:

- An average of 1068 adult softball league games are played here throughout the year.
- The Frisco Baseball and Softball Association plays an average of 670 T-ball and coach pitch games here in the spring and fall season.
- The football field is used by Frisco Lacrosse Monday – Friday for practices and scrimmages.
- In the fall the 80-yard football field is used by the Frisco Football League for approximately 36 league games.

Pick some fall fun at city's first Pumpkin Splash Patch

Wear your swimsuit and join the quest for the perfect Halloween pumpkin. The Frisco Athletic Center Indoor Pool will transform into a pumpkin patch where kids can splash around to find the perfect pumpkin to decorate.

Saturday, October 16

10 a.m. – noon

Frisco Athletic Center Indoor Pool

Tickets: \$12 for residents

\$15 for non-residents

• Ages 2-1/2 - 4 start approx. 10:15 a.m. in the play pool.

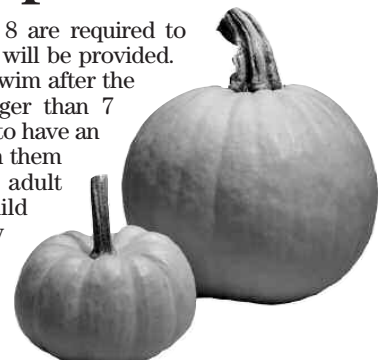
• Ages 5 – 6 start approx. 10:30 a.m. in the current channel.

• Ages 7 – 10 start approx. 10:45 a.m. in the activity pool.

Please arrive at 10 a.m. for check-in. Admission price includes: a pumpkin of your choice, swim pass for the day and trick-or-treat goodie bag. Advanced registration only! The deadline to register for the event is October 14.

Registration is available at the Frisco Athletic Center or online at FriscoFun.org.

Children ages 7 & 8 are required to wear a life jacket that will be provided. Planning to stay and swim after the event? Children younger than 7 years old are required to have an adult in the water with them at all times. Any adult accompanying a child must purchase a day pass if not a member of the FAC. FAC members must check in at the front desk.





Don't Miss

THE 7TH ANNUAL

LONE★STAR Storytelling Festival

**Fri-Sat,
October 8 & 9**

**City Hall & Frisco Public Library
at Frisco Square**

**TICKETS 972.292.5669
WWW.LONESTARSTORIES.ORG**

Main Events

Friday, Oct. 8

8:00 pm Favorite Stories

Preshow Music of Len Barnett & Company

Saturday, Oct. 9

10:30, Noon, 1:30, 3:00 Family Storytelling Concerts

10:30 - 5:00 Library Open House & Literacy Celebration

6:00 pm Laughing Night

8:00 pm More Laughing Night

Storytellers



David Novak



Antonio Sacre



Sue Roseberry



Willy Claflin

